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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Government are just at present busy with this Budget Session and also with questions pertaining to the division of the State. They will come to a conclusion as early as possible."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Does the reorganization of the district boards include the revival of taluk boards? " (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is the same thing as asking for the recommendations."

Petrol purchased for Government Transport buses.

*96 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gallons of petrol consumed by the Government Transport buses per day;

(*b*) whether petrol is purchased directly or locally;

(*c*) the percentage of direct purchase and local purchase; and

(*d*) the price of petrol per gallon directly purchased and locally purchased?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The average number of gallons of petrol consumed by the Government Transport vehicles per day is 4,388 gallons.

" (*b*) Petrol is purchased in bulk direct from the Oil Companies. Retail purchases are also made at Parry's and Mylapore for midday fuelling of buses in Madras City, and also at Tirupati, Nellore and Naidupet for State buses plying to these places.

" (*c*) Direct purchase 77·6 per cent.

Local purchase 22·4 per cent.

" (*d*) Petrol directly purchased from the distributing companies is paid for at their authorized selling prices while that purchased from retailers is paid for at prices not exceeding the authorized retail prices which vary from time to time."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, நேரடியாக வாங்கும் பெட்ரோல் 77·6 சத விகிதமும், பாரிஸ் கார்னரில் இம்மாதிரி வாங்குவது 22·4 சத விகிதமாக இருப்பதால் இம்மாதிரி பெட்ரோல் வாங்குவதனால் பொதுமக்களுடைய பணம் நஷ்டமாவதால் இந்த வழக்கத்தை நிறுத்திவிட்டு பஸ்களுக்கு வேண்டிய பெட்ரோலை நேரடியாக வாங்குவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வதில் சர்க்கார் கவனம் செலுத்துமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the price of petrol as taken from the installation is Rs. 2-9-6. The price of petrol at Parry's Corner and Mylapore is Rs. 2-9-9, i.e., quarter-anna above the price of the company. We have worked out and found that this quarter-anna will be much less than the amount of petrol the bus will consume to go every afternoon to the Bodyguard Lines to collect petrol from the main installation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the price of petrol per gallon in Nayudupet and Tirupati? Is there a big difference between the price obtaining in Madras and other places? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The price obtaining in Madras at the main installation is Rs. 2–9–6; at Parry's Corner and Mylapore, it is Rs. 2–9–9. At Tirupati it is Rs. 2–13–6, at Nellore Rs. 2–12–9 and at Nayudupet Rs. 2–12–9."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" When the Government are consuming so much of petrol per day, may I know why they have not been, able to obtain petrol from the bulk supplier and the usual commission they give to their own agents? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like the idea to be put in a separate question."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why should not the Government open a bunk of their own at Parry's Corner? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Enforcement of the Madras Civil and Village Courts (Amendment) Act, 1951.

* 97 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Government propose to enforce the Madras Civil and Village Courts (Amendment) Act of 1951; and

(*b*) the reasons for not enforcing the same till now?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 282 given on the floor of this House on 5th December 1952. The position remains the same."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" As the Act is intended to give relief to the litigant public, will the Government give an assurance that it will be enforced immediately after the Court Fees Act is amended, without further delay? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" After the Court Fees Act and the Suits Valuation Act are amended, this can be implemented."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over. Next item on the agenda."

SRI G. C. KONDIAH :—On a point of information, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In regard to points of information, let the hon. Member come to my Chamber."